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1. Parkways for People: Transformation

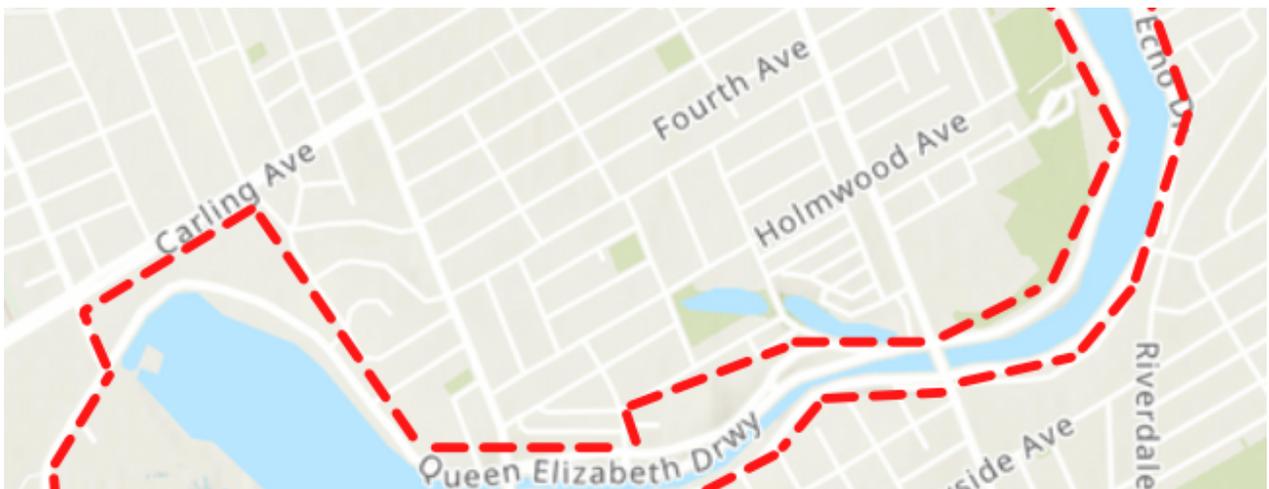
We are fortunate to have [Ian Lockwood](#), livable transportation engineer, joining our **Feb 7 Zoom** event to talk about how he has helped **transform** communities -- such as South Bend, Indiana -- by making space for people.

Ian is one the speakers in our [A-list line-up](#). Register for the **Feb 7 community discussion on the Rideau Canal parkways in 2022** on [Eventbrite](#).



2. Word on the Street

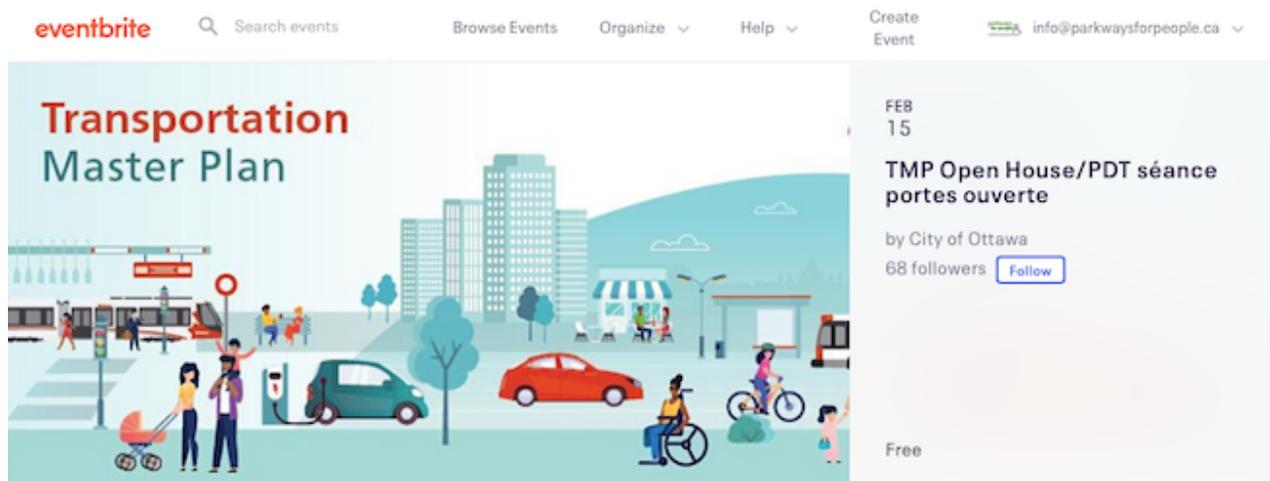
- Oulu, Finland is using **projected lights** to show street markings on snow covered pathways.
- City Council delayed a decision on ending **revert to red**, in order to allow staff to present additional information.
- NCC looking into how to support earlier starts to the **Canal skating season**.
- Edmonton leads the way on **public toilets**. Still an **outstanding issue** for Ottawa, and something that probably deserves some election attention.
- Ottawa is getting a new telephone area code, **753**, in March.
- The **Ottawa LRT Commission** is gearing up; anyone with a direct interest in the matter is able to **apply** to be heard by the Commission.



3. This Week's Big Idea: If Canada is Getting 25 New National Parks, Could the Rideau Canal be One?

The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change has been **mandated** to create 10 new national parks and 15 new national urban parks by 2030. Our previous community discussions have come up with one proposal that could be of interest to Minister Guilbeault: create a **Rideau Canal National Urban Park**.

Creating a national park on the Canal and surrounding federal lands, including the Dominion Arboreteum, would mitigate against further loss of greenspace in the centre. Integrating Queen Elizabeth Driveway into a national park could also be a lasting tribute for Her Majesty's upcoming centennial birthday.



4. Have Your Say

The **City of Ottawa** is hosting an online **Open House** on its **Transportation Master Plan** on Feb 15 at 6:30pm. Register on **Eventbrite**.

The **City** has a number of **surveys** around the forthcoming **Transportation Master Plan** update, until Feb 18.

- **Your priorities** for pedestrian and cycling facilities over the next 25 years.
- Draft **policies** around TMP specific themes (survey links found in each of the one-pagers, or send comments directly to tmpupdate@ottawa.ca).





5. Your Dent in the Universe

Key decision makers are attending the **Feb 7 Rideau Canal Parkways community discussion**. Let's show them a **critical mass of people standing up for change**. Be a part of the solution. [Join the discussion](#).



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